

Culpeper Court House Va Augst
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Dearest Wife I
will try to compose myself to
write you a few lines to let
you know how we are but you
must excuse me well for the
worst. I wrote to Arabine from
Elchester when I was there I left
there the next morning for Washing
ton and started from there the
next day for camp and was
on the road a week we arrived
at camp on Tuesday and Friday
we was ordered to march at a
minute notice we marched
seven miles out and there we
met the enemy in a large
force Saturday we had the
hardest fought battle that
has been fought while it
lasted about two hours we had
twenty three killed and wounded

out of our company Lyman
had his right arm shot off
and a flesh wound through
thigh I was driving a carriage
to bring the wounded of the field
and was off the field with
a load of wounded when he
was wounded so I mixed
him he got off into the woods
and laid over night the rebels
come the next morning and
told him they were going to
carry him off with them and
went after a carriage to get
him with and as soon as they
were gone he hobbled off and
hollard and some of our men
come to his relief and we
brought him in had him
cared for poor fellow he is
doing as well as he can und
er the circumstances but it
an awful thing to think of

much more to see his courage
is first rate but God deliver
me from ever seeing another
such a sight as I have seen
for the week past but such
is the effects of war Lieut ^{Folsom} ~~Folsom~~
~~was~~ killed on the field instant
Mr Brooks was wounded in the
arm that was all that you
new any thing about so I
will not stop to name the
rest of the wounded this time
I expect Lyman will be sent
to Alexandria soon where he
will have good care taken
of him they have women nur-
ses there to take care of the
wounded soldiers he has very
good care taken of him here
and I go in to see him twice
a day it near about breaks
my heart to see my poor
boy with but one arm and

to be a cripple for life but
it is so I will write you
as often as I can and let
you know how he is getting
along I am about sick
myself I have not had no
rest day nor night for a
week nor do I expect to while
I stay in the army tell him
to write as often as she can
tell all of the children how
do for father and Leyman
tell Allura to write as often
as she can you the same
I received your letter and
stamp so I must bid you
good by for the present
from your loving husband
M A Wright To Wright